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CULTURAL CENTER

Dallas artists present new works that reflect their heart and soul

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

The 16th Annual EL CORAZON Art Exhibition

Curated by Jose Vargas

February 6-March 6, 2010

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, February 6, 2010 (7-9 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents the 16th Annual **El Corazón** Art Exhibition, February 6-March 6, 2010. An opening reception with the participating artists will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

In 1993, exhibition curator, Jose Vargas, conceived the idea of organizing an art exhibition in Dallas that would allow artists to explore various artistic interpretations of the human heart. Since then, this passionate and delightfully eclectic art show has featured diverse creations inspired by the heart (El Corazón), an important symbol in Mexican and Latin American art, and a significant theme in western culture. As a result of Mr. Vargas' original idea, more than 900 local and regional artists have been included in his show throughout the years. This year, this popular show features the work of more than forty artists from the DFW Metroplex and other Texas cities. The artwork included in El Corazón includes paintings, sculptures, photography, and mixed-media art.

The artists featured in the 16th Annual El Corazón art exhibition are:

Dan Barber, Rita Barnard, Penelope Bisbee, Rebecca Boatman, Betty Bucher, Martin Campos, Paul Carranza, Roy Cirigliana, Jose Cruz, Julio Cesar Flores, Jacque Forsher, Merry Fuhrer, Angela Gallia, Rebecca Guy, Genaro Hernandez,

Juan J. Hernandez, Orlando Hernandez, Armando Huerta, Johanna Hulsey, Cindy Kelly, Julia McLain, Christina Medina, Lottie Minick, Chet Morrison, Terry Mosher, Juli Pennington Hulsy, Richard Ray, Joe Sarate, Kate Schatz, Michael Scogin, Russ Sharek, Jerry Smith, Terry K. Smith, Arleigh Stark, Pam Stern, Patricia Waas, Laura F. Walton, Kathleen Wilke, Julie Zarate, and other artists.

About the exhibition curator:

In addition to his duties as exhibition curator, Mr. Vargas is also an active visual artist. He has displayed his art photographs and paintings extensively in local and regional art venues. Mr. Vargas conceived the annual *El Corazon* and *Virgen de Guadalupe* exhibitions, two popular exhibitions in Dallas, and has curated both shows for the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs with great acclaim since 1993.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition.

Press Photographs:

To download print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs of this exhibition, please visit the online Press Room at <http://www.dallaspublicart.info/bhccpress.cfm>. Publication of photographs must contain the credit line provided on the webpage. Photographs may only be used for promotional, educational, or non-commercial purposes.

The Bath House Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center is dedicated to fostering the growth, development and quality of multi-cultural arts within the City of Dallas. The center emphasizes innovating visual and performing arts as well as other multi-discipline events throughout the year. Funding for the Bath House Cultural Center is provided by the City of Dallas, with additional support from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

LOCATION AND HOURS:

The Bath House Cultural Center is located on the eastern shore of White Rock Lake at the end of Northcliff Dr. off of Buckner Blvd. at **521 E. Lawther, Dallas, TX 75218**. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. The center is open until 10:00 PM on nights with theatre performances. For general information about cultural programs at the Bath House Cultural Center, please call (214) 670-8749 or visit the center's website at <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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